

Mr. Teale, Miss Gray and Dr. Rehn engaged in a discussion of the habits of mantids. There was also a discussion of Ants and Aphids including an instance in which an Ant removed a woolly aphid. The members decided this was an example of culling the herd.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

LOUIS S. MARKS, *Secretary*

NOTE—Minutes of the meetings of May 3 and May 17, 1955 are not available.

BOOK NOTICES

Insects in their World. By Su Zan N. Swain. Garden City Books. Garden City, New York. 1955. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{4}$ inches. vi + 53 pp. Illustrated. \$2.50.

If further proof is needed of the ability of Su Zan Swain, honorary member of the New York Entomological Society, to teach and enthuse children and adults in the fields of entomology and art, it is contained in this fine book.

Starting her message with the sentence, "This book was written to encourage you to explore the world of insects.", Mrs. Swain proceeds to tell and show how, where, when and why. With uncluttered language, she introduces her readers to the world of insects. Her careful, beautiful and profuse illustrations lead the neophyte by the hand through the field of insect study and the pleasures and benefits that might be derived.

Interesting insects and insect habits are selected, outlined, illustrated and discussed to whet the appetite of youngsters and laymen.

To serve its purpose, this book should be made available to children in grade and high schools. The budding entomologist or naturalist might easily use this work as a first step before taking the second step to the much used and very helpful, "The Insect Guide," earlier publication by Ralph B. Swain. It is suggested that you keep Mrs. Swain's book in mind when trying to select a gift for the youngster who is a little tired of modern living and needs a breath of good, fresh air.—F.A.S.